is aware that women suffer from indignities because of their low status and various biases against them in society. Besides impressing upon the enforcement machineries the need for utmost vigilence, Government is undertaking various measures such as income generation activities like : NORAD, STEP, CCEVT, SEP, Awareness Generation Programme for Women and dissemination of information regarding their rights through the legal literacy manual. Efforts are also made through print and electronic media to project positive images of women in the society and to bring about changes in societal attitudes towards women and girl children.

(c) No, Sir.

Mica Mines and Factories Operation

2362. SHRI M. D. SALIM : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) details of the Mica mines and factories in operation in the last three years and the people employed there, facts in details with year-wise break-up;

(b) whether it is a fact that decanalisation was started on the ground that it would boost up production and employment, if so, facts in detail; and

(c) whether the object has been achieved, if not, steps taken on that ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Details of Mica Mines and Mica based industries for the last three years are as follows :

Year	No. of Mines	No. of Units	No. of Persons Employed
1990-91	137	265	2942
1991-92	133	,,	2840
1992-93	127	,,	2213

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Demand for Mica in the international market has undergone a major change independent of the channel through which Mica export is taking place.

Mica Mines

2363. SHRI M.D. SALIM : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) production, internal consumption and export of Mica and Mica products in tonnes in last three years, with year-wise break-up;

(b) value of the same in rupees, for the same period with year-wise break-up ?

(c) break-up into private sector and public sector (MITCO) for the same period with year-wise break-up;

(d) whether it is a fact that decanalisation was started in the Mica product export on the ground that it would boost up export and the industry, if so, in details; and

(e) whether the object has been achieved, if not, steps taken on that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Reliable figures of Mica production on the internal consumption are not available. However, the reported production of Mica during 91-92 and 92-93 (April 92-January 93) was 5297 tonnes and 3363 tonnes respectively.

The total export of Mica and Mica products are as follows :—

Year	*Qty. (tonnes)*
1990-91	41998
1991-92	34413
1992-93	26795

(c) The export of Mica and Mica products through MITCO the only public sector unit is as follows :—

Year	*Qty. (tonnes)*
1990-91	7553
1991-92	4196
1992-93	6383

(d) and (e) Demand for Mica in the international market has undergone, a major change independent of the channel through which its export is taking place.

Deposits of Emerald in Rajasthan

2364. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has discovered huge deposits of emerald in pre-Aravali rocks in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.